

1 21. (New) A method of queuing requests for a server coupled to a
2 communication network, comprising the steps of:
3 a) receiving a first request for services of a server from a user
4 through the communication network;
5 b) signaling the user, if insufficient server resources are available to
6 process the request, wherein the user is queued for subsequent notification; and
7 c) notifying the user once a sufficient amount of resources are
8 available to process the request

1 22. (New) The method of claim 21 further comprising the step of:
2 d) establishing a connection between the user and the server, if
3 sufficient resources are available to process the request.

1 23. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the connection is established only
2 if a second request is received from the user within a predetermined time after
3 the notification of step c).

1 24. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein step b) includes the step of
2 queuing users on an order of requests basis.

1 25. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein step b) includes the step of
2 queuing users on a basis other than order of requests.

1 26. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the communication network is a
2 selected one of a local area network, an intranet, and an internet.

1 27. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the communication network
2 comprises a telephone line.

al 1 28. (New) A method comprising the steps of:

2 a) receiving requests from a plurality of remote devices for access to a
3 communications network;

4 b) establishing connections between the communications network
5 and a first group of the remote devices;

6 c) sending a signal to the remaining remote devices for which a
7 connection is not established indicating that a connection was not established;
8 and

9 d) queuing at least some of the remaining remote devices for
10 subsequent notification of communication network availability.

1 29. (New) The method of claim 28 further comprising the step of:

2 e) establishing a connection between the communications network
3 and a selected one of the queued remote devices, if the selected queued remote
4 device responds to the subsequent notification.

1 30. (New) A method of queuing requests to access a web server comprising
2 the steps of:

- 3 a) receiving requests by remote systems to access the web server;
4 b) establishing connections between the web server and some of the
5 remote systems;
6 c) sending a message to the remaining remote systems that a web
7 server connection is not available; and
8 d) queuing at least one of the remaining remote systems for
9 subsequent notification of web server availability.

1 31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the remaining remote systems
2 are queued based on an internet protocol (IP) address of the remote system.

1 32. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of:
2 e) establishing a connection with a selected one of the remaining
3 remote systems, if the selected remote system responds to the subsequent
4 notification.